



Applying to university for an undergraduate degree in the UK? Your questions answered.

I am confused. When should I start thinking about studying at university in the UK and what do I need to do?

Well, it is never too early to start planning your future education. In the UK most students apply through a centralised process via an organisation called UCAS. Let me take you through the journey.....

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

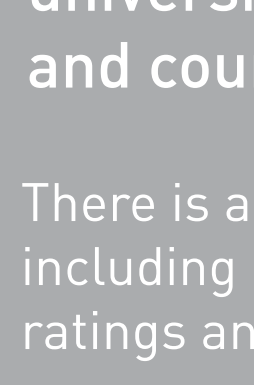
UCAS opens for registration in May 2018 for entry in September 2019. Time to start your journey.



With 162 universities to choose from, and more than 50,000 courses, making your choice of what to study and selecting a university can seem very daunting.

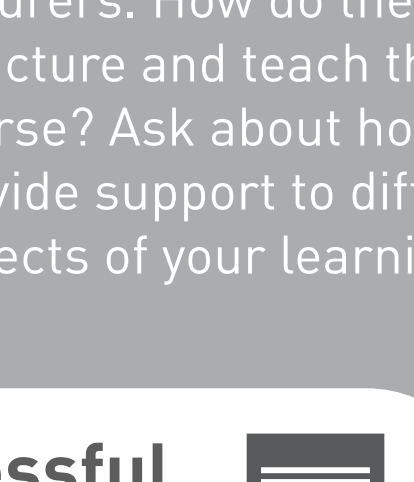
3 STEPS TO SUCCESS

Choose your subject



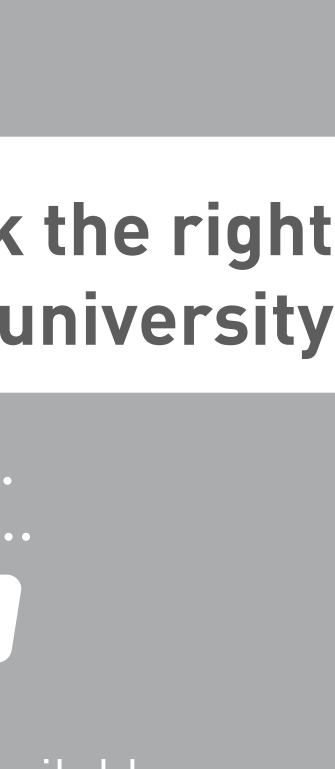
This is one of the biggest choices you will make. Here are some tips to help you make the right choice:

For most students, their degree choice is a balance.

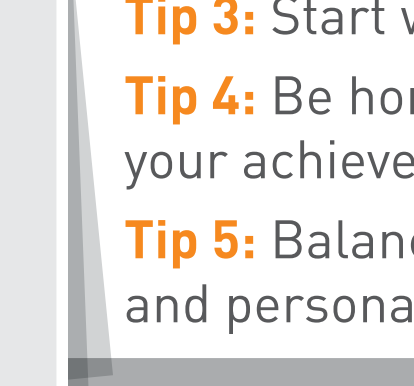


Some students have known for a long time what they want to do. However, if you are struggling to decide, you can do some research on the internet and speak to an experienced careers counsellor or professional.

If you still can't decide, you could consider a more flexible course or joint honours. You can also pick a course with time abroad or work experience.



Pick the right university



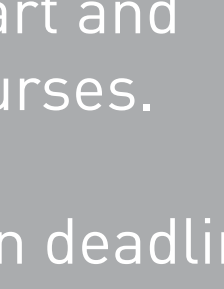
Pick a great university and course



There is a lot of data available, including course rankings, teaching ratings and employability statistics.

Go somewhere you will be happy

From the bright lights of a London campus, to a small campus in the countryside with accommodation on site, the location you select will shape your student experience. Do your research and try to visit different universities.

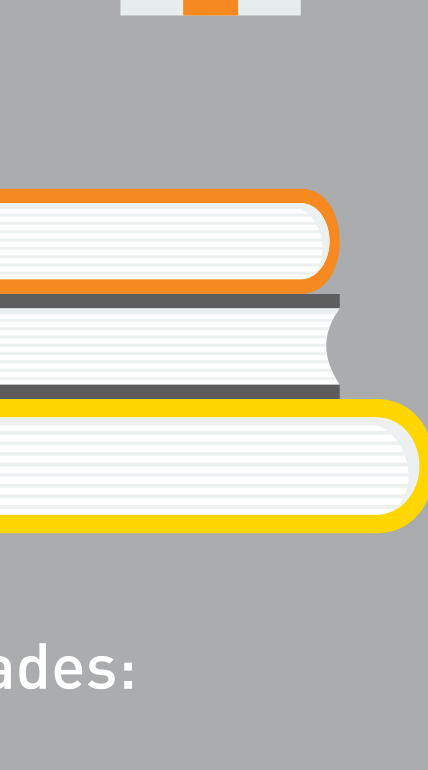


When you visit, speak to existing students and lecturers. How do they structure and teach the course? Ask about how they provide support to different aspects of your learning.

Submit a successful application



Now you have decided your course and which universities to apply to, ensure you complete your UCAS form correctly and consider who you want to write your school reference. You will also need to write an excellent personal statement:



PERSONAL STATEMENT

TIP 1: Read the personal statement guidelines.

TIP 2: Look at examples of personal statements in your chosen subject area.

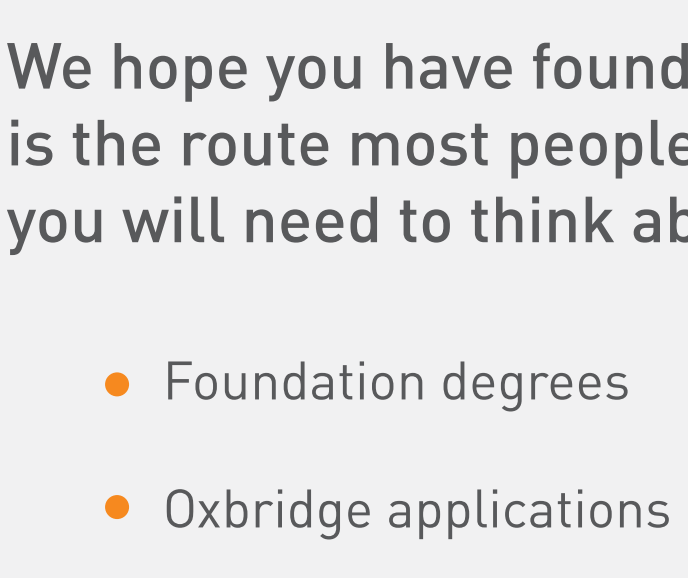
TIP 3: Start writing!

TIP 4: Be honest about your achievements.

TIP 5: Balance your academic and personal achievements.

Make sure someone reviews your application form for you.

YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY



UCAS deadlines:

JANUARY 15TH 2019 for most courses.

OCTOBER 15TH 2018 for Oxford and Cambridge and courses like medicine and dentistry.

MARCH 24TH 2019 for some art and design courses.

Foundation deadlines often differ for one year courses.

GET IT IN ON TIME!

You might receive offers from some of the Universities quite soon. The end of March 2019 is the main deadline for offers.



1st

2nd

You will need to select a first and second choice of course and university.

Apply for your accommodation and a visa if required. Tier 4 visas require a confirmation of acceptance of studies (CAS) number from your education provider.



Studying and revision

Now the hard work begins. Here are some tips to get your grades:

Give yourself time and remove distractions

Eat, drink and take breaks

Be visual – use diagrams and charts

Practice on past exam papers

Read the exam question properly

Try not to worry – not easy we know

MAKE A GREAT START

GOOD LUCK!

If you don't quite make your grades, UCAS has a clearing process where you can still secure a great university place.

You're now ready to go. Think about the practicalities of university life: finances, living on your own, socialising and developing your study skills to succeed.

We hope you have found this useful. Whilst this is the route most people will take, sometimes you will need to think about other things such as:

- Foundation degrees
- Oxbridge applications
- Requirements for medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, some business courses and art and design
- Direct entry routes and late applications, including through UCAS Extra
- Transferring universities or changing courses
- Postgraduate applications

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